



Proclamation

Presented to the

Council of State Governments-*WEST*

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that brings Western state legislators together to share best policy practices, cooperate on regional issues and engage in professional development training; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) will hold its 64th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i from July 30-August 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) 64th Annual Meeting's theme is "*Halawai*," which is Hawaiian for "Where Leaders Gather," reflecting the essential need for Western State legislators to assemble and seek opportunities to collaborate and share experiences and lessons to better assist their constituency; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) will provide a session with leading experts in Asia-Pacific trade and economic development at the world-renowned East-West Center; lawmakers will interact with these experts on important economic trends in the Pacific region, as well as learn about specific impacts on state and regional activities; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) looks forward to taking advantage of the State's unique role as the gateway to the Pacific to explore opportunities to create jobs through exports and investments; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) will offer attendees with professional development sessions, as well as policy discussions on important Western issues including energy, natural resources, water, health, fiscal affairs, Western economic development and demographic trends in the Western states;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of July 30, 2011 through August 6, 2011 as

"COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS-*WEST* WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Council of State Governments-*WEST* and its goals to foster the exchange of insights and ideas to help State Government officials shape public policy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of July, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i